

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

May 9, 1996

Business Meeting

MINUTES

The Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education met for a special business meeting in the State Library, 3rd Floor, Supreme Court meeting room in Richmond, Virginia, on Thursday, May 9, 1996, with the following members present:

Ms. Michelle Easton, President
Ms. Lil Tuttle, Vice-President
Mr. Rayford L. Harris, Sr.
Mrs. Kay Cole James

Mr. Robert H. Patterson, Jr.
Mr. R. Lee Ware
Mrs. Cheri P. Yecke

Dr. William C. Boshers, Jr.
Secretary and Superintendent of Public
Instruction

Ms. Easton, president, presided and called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

The invocation was given by Dr. Boshers, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was made by Mr. Ware, seconded by Mr. Harris and carried unanimously for approval of the agenda as submitted.

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

Dr. Boshers outlined a letter received from Gerald N. Tirozzi of the U.S. Department of Education regarding new amendments that allow local education boards to apply directly to the U.S. Department of Education for Goals 2000 monies. The U.S. Department of Education requested that

the Board respond by May 17, 1996 regarding its position on the changes. Dr. Boshier stated that he had faxed a reply to Mr. Tirozzi requesting an extension until June in order to allow the Board a reasonable time frame for discussion and determination in the matter. Ms. Easton asked that the matter be placed on the May 23 meeting agenda.

Ms. Easton presented a resolution clarifying the Board's position on school guidance and counseling opt-out options. The resolution was prepared in response to a locality that brought to the attention of the Board the fact that the words guidance and counseling were used interchangeably in the regulations. Mr. Ware pointed out that in the first line of number three in the resolution the statement should read "In no event..." Mrs. Tuttle moved to accept the resolution, and Mrs. Yecke seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

Final Review of Virginia's Consolidated State Application submitted for funding for the four-year period beginning July 1, 1996 ending June 30, 2000 under the Improving America's Schools Act.

Dr. Boshier stated that there had been a two month public comment period, comments were given to the Board, which was followed by the Board's retreat. The document was altered to include the provisions that were presented to the Board and issues of concern to the Board. Dr. Boshier stated that with this plan, local school divisions will be able to consolidate their planning efforts. Dr. Boshier stated that he believed all of the Board's concerns had been addressed and asked the board to approve the plan.

Mrs. Yecke made a motion to accept the plan and Mrs. Tuttle seconded. The plan was passed unanimously.

Dr. Boshier recognized the hard work of JoLynn DeMary, George Irby, and Neils Brooks on the plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Legislative Studies

Cathy Clark presented a brief overview of General Assembly issues and legislation that affects education. Ms. Clark reported that significant legislation had passed dealing with juvenile justice. Ms.

Clark also stated that House Bill 1199 clarified the intent of the discipline policy paper that was sent to parents at the beginning of the 95-96 school year. Ms. Clark stated that new legislation requires principals to report violent activities to law enforcement.

Ms. Clark outlined the responsibilities of the Board as a result of the recent General Assembly session. Responsibilities include preparing Pledge of Allegiance guidelines, studying student internship programs, preparation of a Special Education plan, preparation of Reenrollment Plan regulations, and creation of criteria for School-to-Work Transition grant programs.

Standards of Accreditations

Lin Corbin-Howerton and Charles Finley presented background information on the process involved in preparing and finalizing the Standards of Accreditations. Ms. Easton asked that the pre-NORIA and structure issue be placed on the May 23 agenda.

Ms. Easton recognized the Director of Personnel and Training, Charles James.

Ms. Easton extended her warmest congratulations to Dr. Boshier on his new appointment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Easton adjourned the meeting of the Virginia Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education at 7:25 p.m.

President